

suffered injury while in the service of our Nation, Mr. Brown stands as a beacon to take the road less traveled, and we commend him for his initiative and industriousness.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. JONES] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, as an American citizen concerned about our Nation's children and as a member of the Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus, I have always admired the work of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. This organization, among numerous other tasks, works in cooperation with law enforcement agencies to help locate missing children.

Regrettably, I had the opportunity to see this process firsthand during the August recess. I received a phone call in my eastern North Carolina district office from the parents of a young girl who was missing. I telephoned the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and was relieved to hear that the center was already working on the case.

Although the following days must have seemed like years to the young girl's parents, the center worked efficiently with the Lenoir County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies to locate the missing girl. I am pleased to report that those parents got their daughter back safely. The young girl was returned to them as a result of the hard work of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and their cooperation with local law enforcement.

Unfortunately, not all parents with missing children see this positive outcome. Each year more than 4,600 children are abducted by nonfamily members. It pains me to say that 800 of these abductions end in murder.

The good people at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and a number of law enforcement agencies respond to reports of child abduction quickly, but saving each child is too often impossible. For this reason, the organization not only helps to locate missing children but it also works to raise public awareness about ways to prevent child abduction and exploitation.

Mr. Speaker, America's children are the future of this Nation. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of protecting them from the many dangers that unfortunately exist in today's world.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and law enforcement agencies throughout America for their hard work and dedication, not only in the case I just spoke of but in their efforts to protect all of our Nation's children. If we all continue to work together, I am confident that we

can make the world a safer place for our children.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. ENGLISH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. ENGLISH addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington, Mrs. LINDA SMITH, is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

BROKEN PROMISES MADE TO UTAH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Utah [Mr. HANSEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, many of us know that Utah was not too happy on September 18, 1996 when the President of the United States went safely to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon and declared 1.7 million acres a national monument. The President failed to talk to the governor, Senators, Members of Congress, including one from his own party, and did this thing.

Well, we talked about that this week and a bill went through to try to make sure that does not happen again. I commend my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for helping us out on that issue.

But the part that was not mentioned and that I think is very interesting was a promise that was made by the President on the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. I quote:

I will say again, creating this national monument should not and will not come at the expense of Utah's children. Today is also the beginning of a unique three-year process to set up a land management process that will be good for the people of Utah and good for Americans.

What is he talking about? What he was talking about is buried in this thing, the largest supply of compliance coal in the world, over a trillion dollars, trillion with a T, and that money, over a billion or so, would inure to the benefit of the education of the children of Utah.

Mr. Speaker, we are still looking for that to be set up. That was an election year promise. I thought it was interesting. He went on to say: "And I will now use my office to accelerate the exchange process." However, that has been 371 days. It would only take an hour of his time to fulfill that promise, but it has never, never, never, never occurred.

I feel a little bad about this.

I will say again, creating this national monument should not come at the expense of Utah's children who just

lost a billion dollars on this in royalties.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I think that is interesting. Now we find the thing the other day, that the President of the United States used the line item veto, and he had the right to do that. I have no problem with that, but I sure wish he would talk to the Department of Defense. I sure wish he would talk to the people of Utah.

Because we had another interesting thing happen on June 16, 1995. In Budapest what happened is they stood up and they made the statement, they said 2002 Winter Games will go to Salt Lake City, and America is euphoric, we got the Winter Games. The Governor of the State stood up. And then we got a call. It was on nationwide TV. And who was it? It was from the White House. What did he say? "Truly, Salt Lake City offers the Olympic family and the people of the world an ideal place to enjoy this peaceful gathering of the world's champions."

He went on to say: "I want to congratulate Salt Lake City on their successful pursuit of the Olympics in 2002. This will be an historic event. It's a great event for Salt Lake City. It's a great event for the western part of the United States." It is a great thing for the United States of America, and we had the entire support of the Federal Government behind it.

So we went with that. We moved out. We started working on an Olympic village, and part of making this Olympic village would be moving 11 acres from the University of Utah and turning it into an Olympic place for all the world's athletes to come, and they could have nice, new facilities as they compete. And the world, 3 billion people at a time, watches the Winter Olympics.

Gosh, Mr. Speaker, do my colleagues know what happened? He vetoed it. I mean, this was the thing, just like what happened on the \$1.7 million promise to the children on education. Another promise to take care of this, and vetoed. Sure would have been handy if we just had a phone call. We could have explained to the President.

The Salt Lake Tribune, the largest newspaper in Utah, in its editorial called it a veto in the dark. I think that says it, because no one was alerted, and out of that, back to point zero.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I do not know where we are going to put all these athletes. I hope somebody can think of something. Possibly there are some World War II tents out there. We can put them out on the west desert, maybe bring in some facilities for them. I sure hope somebody with the vision and planning ability can see how to do this.

It is surely difficult to run a State and run a country when we do not think about it, when we veto things and make hollow promises.